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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 30, 2005, please  
consider the following remarks:

The listing of the pending claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.